



In this Nov. 30, 2017 photo, a patron sips his drink while having a meal at a bar in New Jersey.
(AP Photo/Julio Cortez, File)

Alcohol death toll is growing, US government reports say

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The rate of deaths that can be directly attributed to alcohol rose nearly 30% in the U.S. during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to new government data. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had already said the overall number of such deaths rose in 2020 and 2021. Two reports from the CDC this week provided further details on which groups have the highest death rates and which states are seeing the largest numbers. "Alcohol is often overlooked" as a public health problem, said Marissa Esser, who leads the CDC's alcohol program. "But it is a leading preventable cause of death." A report released Friday focused on more than a dozen kinds of "alcohol-induced" deaths that were wholly blamed on drinking. Examples include alcohol-caused liver or pancreas failure, alcohol poisoning,

withdrawal and certain other diseases. There were more than 52,000 such deaths last year, up from 39,000 in 2019. The rate of such deaths had been increasing in the two decades before the pandemic, by 7% or less each year. In 2020, they rose 26%, to about 13 deaths per 100,000 Americans. That's the highest rate recorded in at least 40 years, said the study's lead author, Merianne Spencer. Such deaths are 2 1/2 times more common in men than in women, but rose for both in 2020, the study found. The rate continued to be highest for people ages 55 to 64, but rose dramatically for certain other groups, including jumping 42% among women ages 35 to 44. The second report, published earlier this week in JAMA Network Open, looked at a wider range of deaths that could be linked to drinking, such as motor vehicle accidents, suicides, falls and cancers.

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FBI warns of 'broad' threat to synagogues in New Jersey

By Ryan Kryska and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP) — The FBI said Thursday that it had received credible information about a "broad" threat to synagogues in New Jersey, a warning that prompted some municipalities to send extra police officers to guard houses of worship.

The nature of the threat was vague. The FBI's Newark office released a statement urging synagogues to "take all security precautions to protect your community and facility," but wouldn't say anything about who made the threat or why.

The alert was posted after officials discovered an on-line threat directed broadly at synagogues in New Jersey, a law enforcement official said.

The posting did not target any specific synagogue by name, the official said. The official could not discuss details of the investigation publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Messages left with the FBI's Newark office weren't returned.

Public warnings about non-specific threats against Jewish institutions, made by a variety of groups including Christian supremacists and Islamist extremists, aren't unusual in the New York City metropolitan area, and many turn out to be false alarms. But the area has also seen deadly attacks.

In Jersey City, Mayor Steven Fulop said police would be posted at the city's seven



Hoboken Police officers stand watch outside the United Synagogue of Hoboken, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, in Hoboken, N.J. The FBI says it has received credible information about a threat to synagogues in New Jersey.

(AP Photo/Ryan Kryska)

synagogues and foot patrols would be added in the broader Jewish community.

In 2019, two assailants motivated by anti-Jewish hate killed a police officer, then drove to a kosher market in Jersey City and killed three more people, before being slain in a gunbattle with police.

Police officers armed with rifles guarded a synagogue one city over, in Hoboken,

where the public safety director also announced increased patrols in Jewish communities.

Five years ago, two New Jersey men were sentenced to 35 years in prison after being convicted for a series of attacks in 2012 that included the firebombings of two synagogues. They also threw a Molotov cocktail into the home of a rabbi as he slept with his wife and children.

In 2019, a man stabbed five people at a Hanukkah celebration at a rabbi's home in an Orthodox Jewish community north of New York City, fatally wounding one person.

U.S. Rep. Josh Gottheimer, a New Jersey Democrat, said he was "concerned and outraged" by the latest threat against Jews.

"I am deeply concerned and outraged by today's alert from the FBI," Got-

theimer said.

"This is what happens after years of antisemitic comments from public figures," he added, citing recent comments by Kanye West and a social media post shared by NBA star Kyrie Irving.

The FBI didn't release any information suggesting the threat that prompted the warning was related to the public debate over those comments. □

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More than 140,000 of that broader category of alcohol-related deaths occur annually, based on data from 2015 to 2019, the researchers said. CDC researchers say about 82,000 of those deaths are from drinking too much over a long period of time and 58,000 from causes tied to

acute intoxication.

The study found that as many as 1 in 8 deaths among U.S. adults ages 20 to 64 were alcohol-related deaths. New Mexico was the state with the highest percentage of alcohol-related deaths, 22%. Mississippi had the lowest, 9%.

Excessive drinking is associated with chronic dangers such as liver cancer, high

blood pressure, stroke and heart disease. Drinking by pregnant women can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth or birth defects. And health officials say alcohol is a factor in as many as one-third of serious falls among the elderly.

It's also a risk to others through drunken driving or alcohol-fueled violence. Surveys suggest that more

than half the alcohol sold in the U.S. is consumed during binge drinking episodes.

Even before the pandemic, U.S. alcohol consumption was trending up, and Americans were drinking more than when Prohibition was enacted. But deaths may have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic began for several reasons, including people with al-

cohol-related illnesses may have had more trouble getting medical care, Esser said.

She added that the research points to a need to look at steps to reduce alcohol consumption, including increasing alcohol taxes and enacting measures that limit where people can buy beer, wine and liquor. □

US jails rife with violence, abuse and overcrowding

By KERI BLAKINGER

Associated Press

(AP) - In California, lawyers accused staff at the Los Angeles County jail of chaining mentally ill detainees to chairs for days at a time. In West Virginia, people held in the Southern Regional Jail sued the state, saying they found urine and semen in their food.

In Missouri, detainees in the St. Louis jail staged multiple uprisings last year, while in Texas, a guard at Houston's overcrowded Harris County Jail said she and her co-workers had started carrying knives to work for fear that they wouldn't have backup if violence broke out.

And while the infamous Rikers Island jail complex in New York City has been the focus of media coverage for its surging number of deaths, rural and urban lockups from Tennessee to Washington to Georgia are not faring much better.

In other words, America's jails are a mess.

Several lockups denied claims about deteriorating conditions or did not respond to requests for comment. A few, including Rikers, acknowledged problems such as infrastructure issues, detainee deaths and high staff attrition.

Unlike prisons, most jails are funded and managed locally, so the problems they face can vary widely from one county to the next. While there's crumbling infrastructure in Atlanta's Fulton County Jail, there's been murky brown drinking water in Seattle's King County Jail and overcrowding in Houston because of a backlog in the court system.

But more than a dozen employees, detainees and experts who spoke with The Marshall Project and The Associated Press highlighted two problems they've seen at jails across the country: too many people incarcerated, and not enough guards.

The twin issues of overcrowding and understaffing have plagued jails across the country for years, and even before the



A Sheriff officer stands guard over inmates at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility Thursday, April 27, 2017, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Carlson, File)

pandemic many facilities were in disarray. Yet in the months after COVID-19 hit, the number of people in local lockups plummeted. People stayed home and committed fewer crimes. Police did not make as many arrests. Courts reduced bail. And jails let more people go home early. Nationally, the number of people in jail decreased by about 25% by the summer of 2020, according to data compiled by the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics. But as concern about the virus faded, so did many of the measures designed to combat it and soon jail populations began to rise. By the summer of 2022, many lockups held more people than they had in years, or became so overcrowded that detainees were forced to sleep on floors, in underground tunnels or in common areas without toilets.

"Everyone is on edge because it is crowded," one man detained in Los Angeles wrote in a sworn declaration filed as part of a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union. "The place smells of urine and excrement because some toilets don't work, and people who are chained to chairs sometimes pee on the floor because the deputies won't unchain them."

Celia Banos, whose son was one of the people chained to a bench for several days, told The Marshall Project

that she was shocked to learn how little the jail had done to take care of him. Some jails found that they still needed to use isolated cells to quarantine potentially sick prisoners. A jail official in Houston said that meant cells that once held two or three people might only be able to hold one, and detainees with a record of violence couldn't be separated from the general population as easily. But even as the number of detainees increased, the number of guards did not. Just like state prisons, many local lockups saw a rise in officer vacancies sometimes even at facilities that appeared fully staffed on paper. The City, a nonprofit news outlet in New York, reported last year that more than 1,000 Rikers Island guards were calling out sick every day due to a frequently abused policy allowing unlimited sick leave. The guards' union has disputed that members overuse sick leave, saying they are legitimately absent, often due to on-the-job injuries and exhaustion. In October, the jail said it still had as many as 800 employees out at a time.

With fewer officers, those who remain are often forced to work longer hours, including double, triple and even quadruple shifts. Guards in Cleveland said they didn't have time to eat, while some jail workers in Houston reported urinating in bags when they

couldn't find someone to replace them at their posts. Having fewer jail employees can also make life worse for detainees because there are fewer workers to let them out of their cells, take them to court, teach their educational programs or tend to their most basic needs.

In Houston, a man in one of the jail's isolation units said violence sometimes broke out after guards didn't let them out to shower for days at a time, while in Philadelphia at a lockup with a 36% staff vacancy rate incarcerated people said they couldn't always get meals or toilet paper. (A jail spokesman "categorically denied" that allegation.) In Ohio, local media reported that guards at Cleveland's Cuyahoga County Jail have taken to locking people in their cells 23 hours a day because there aren't enough staff.

And in one extreme example, a man detained at the Oklahoma County jail in Oklahoma City is accused of raping a handcuffed woman after guards at the understaffed facility left them unsupervised during booking. A detention officer at the troubled facility, which the county took over from the sheriff two years ago, eventually intervened, and the man was later charged with first-degree rape. A jail official said that no disciplin-

ary measures against staff have been announced, but the matter is still under investigation.

In February, a man at Rikers Island choked on an orange and died after staff failed to intervene in time. He was one of eighteen people who have died in the city's jails this year. Two months later, a detainee at the jail in Anoka County, Minnesota, died in his cell after the guards could not find any medical staff on duty to save him. In Houston, the family of a man who caught COVID-19 and died alone in his cell last year sued the jail. According to the family's lawyer, U.A. Lewis, none of the staff noticed the man was dead until officers came to get him for a visit.

Despite the consensus among experts that conditions are deteriorating in many lockups, there's far less agreement on solutions. While jails officials said they needed basic infrastructure improvements and more staff, some prisoner advocates point out that more lenient bail policies could help ensure fewer people stay behind bars when they don't have money to pay for their freedom. In the meantime, researchers say they need better information from the jails to be able to measure the scope of the problem. Even for those things that can be measured like overcrowding, understaffing or an increase in jail deaths the available numbers are often years delayed and unreliable. For example, the U.S. Department of Justice said that its annual in-custody death reports undercounted jail deaths by at least 39%. And although the federal government issues an annual report about the number of people in jails nationwide, the most recent data is more than two years old. Experts said that lack of data makes it hard to say how much of the growing alarm now actually reflects a change in jail conditions and how much is the result of heightened interest from media and the public. □

Milwaukee elections worker fired over false ballot requests

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A top Milwaukee elections official has been fired after sending falsely obtained military absentee ballots to the home of a Republican state lawmaker who has been an outspoken critic of how the 2020 election was administered, the city's mayor said Thursday. Kimberly Zapata, deputy director of the Milwaukee Election Commission, requested military ballots for fictitious voters from clerks in nearby municipalities using the state's MyVote Wisconsin website, Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson said just days before the midterm election.

"This has every appearance of being an egregious, blatant violation of trust, and this matter is now in the hands of law enforcement," said Johnson. As part of her job, Zapata oversaw the counting of absentee ballots in Milwaukee.

The mayor said the city is investigating whether she might have committed any other offenses.

The ballots were sent to the



Kimberly Zapata, deputy director of the Milwaukee Election Commission, instructs workers processing ballots, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the central counting facility in Milwaukee, Wis. (Mark Hoffman/Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel via AP)

home of Republican state Rep. Janel Brandtjen, who chairs the Assembly elections committee and has voiced support for overturning the results of the 2020 presidential election in the state and promoted conspiracy theories about the same. Earlier this week, Brandtjen's office said she had received three ballots for military voters she

believed to be fictitious. Brandtjen said then she thought someone was trying to show how easy it is to get military ballots in Wisconsin.

The announcement comes five days ahead of Election Day in a cycle where officials are increasingly concerned about threats from within their own organizations. In battleground states

such as Wisconsin, elections officials are seeing record partisan poll worker nominations that could put skeptics on the front lines of the voting process.

Zapata's motive for allegedly obtaining and sending the ballots wasn't immediately clear.

She did not immediately respond to messages left Thursday at phone num-

bers believed to be hers. Michael Maistelman, an attorney for Zapata, declined to comment.

But her boss, commission Executive Director Claire Woodall-Vogg, said she thought Zapata was intent on illustrating a vulnerability in the system. She said Zapata had, to her knowledge, never before violated work policies or procedures.

Zapata's alleged actions echo those of a Racine man who requested and received absentee ballots in the names of lawmakers and local officials in July. That man, Harry Wait, said he wanted to expose vulnerabilities in the state's elections system. He has been charged with two misdemeanor counts of election fraud and two felony counts of identity theft charges that could land him in prison for up to 13 years.

Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm said his office was reviewing allegations against Zapata and that he expects charges to be filed "in the coming days." □

When destitute small towns mean dangerous tap water

By **Michael Phillis, Leah Willingham and Camille Fasseff**

Associated Press

KEYSTONE, W.Va. (AP) — Donna Dickerson's heart would sink every time she'd

wake up, turn on the faucet in her mobile home and hear the pipes gurgling. Sometimes it would happen on a day when her mother, who is 86 and has dementia, had a doctor's

appointment and needed to bathe. Sometimes it would be on Thanksgiving or Christmas when family had come to stay.

"It was sickening, literally a headache and it disrupted everything," she said. "Out of nowhere, the water would be gone, and we'd have no idea when it'd be back."

It is hard enough to care for someone with dementia. Caring for someone with dementia with no safe water takes the stress to another level.

While failures of big city water systems attract the attention, it's small communities like Keystone, West Virginia, that more often are left unprotected by destitute and unmaintained water providers. Small water providers rack

up roughly twice as many health violations as big cities on average, an analysis of thousands of records over the last three years by The Associated Press shows. In that time, small water providers violated the Safe Drinking Water Act's health standards nearly 9,000 times. They were also frequently the very worst performers. Federal law allows authorities to force changes on water utilities, but they rarely do, even for the worst offenders.

The worst water providers can have such severe problems that residents are told they can't drink the water. For 10 solid years Dickerson and 175 neighbors in the tiny, majority Black community of Keystone had to boil all their water. That length of time

is nearly unheard of such warnings usually last only for days. The requirement added gas and electricity costs on top of the water bill. In addition, residents would lose water outright for days or even weeks at a time with no warning.

A coal company had built the original system, but since left, leaving no one in charge.

When Dickerson's water went out, she would drive the dying county's winding mountain roads to the food bank, or buy water at Dollar General — one of the area's only stores. She'd haul containers back home and heat up pots on the stove to fill the tub, so her mother could bathe. She stored water in containers in her mobile home's two bathrooms to flush toilets. □



Toney Lewis shows a bottle of tap water he saved, before his neighborhood was recently switched to the current Ferriday, La. water system, in Ridgcrest, La., Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. In many places, people struggle to find water or else drink water that isn't clean. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

Hundreds of elephants, zebras die as Kenya weathers drought

By **EVELYNE MUSAMBI** Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Hundreds of animals, including elephants and endangered Grevy's zebras, have died in Kenyan wildlife preserves during East Africa's worst drought in decades, according to a report released Friday. The Kenya Wildlife Service and other bodies counted the deaths of 205 elephants, 512 wildebeests, 381 common zebras, 51 buffalos, 49 Grevy's zebras and 12 giraffes in the past nine months, the report states.

Parts of Kenya have experienced four consecutive seasons with inadequate rain in the past two years,



An elephant, that was killed by Kenya Wildlife Service rangers after it killed a woman as it was looking for water and food amid the drought, lies in Loolkuniyani, Samburu County in Kenya on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2022. Hundreds of animals have died in Kenyan wildlife preserves during East Africa's worst drought in decades, according to a report released Friday, Nov. 4, 2022.

with dire effects for people and animals, including live-

stock.

The worst-affected ecosys-

tems are home to some of Kenya's most-visited nation-

al parks, reserves and conservancies, including the Amboseli, Tsavo and Laikipia-Samburu areas, according to the report's authors. They called for an urgent aerial census of wildlife in Amboseli to get a broader view of the drought's impact on wild animals there. Other experts have recommended the immediate provision of water and salt licks in impacted regions. Elephants, for example, drink 240 liters (63.40 gallons) of water per day, according to Jim Justus Nyamu, executive director of the Elephant Neighbors Center. For Grevy's zebras, experts urge enhancing provisions of hay. □



Two climate activists carrying a banner 'What, if the government can't handle it?' have stuck themselves to the handrails of a dinosaur skeleton in Berlin's Museum of Natural History in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022.

Associated Press

Germany told to cut emissions much quicker to meet 2030 goal

By **FRANK JORDANS and GEIR MOULSON** Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German officials urged environmental activists to engage in "constructive" protests and avoid endangering lives Friday as government-appointed experts warned that the key European Union country risks missing its climate targets for 2030.

A heated debate has broken out over activists' methods after road blockades caused by a Monday protest delayed a specialist rescue crew from reaching a cyclist fatally injured in a traffic accident in Berlin. Some German media declared the protesters "shared the blame" for the woman's death.

Climate activists also were criticized for gluing themselves to a dinosaur exhibit, throwing food over valuable paintings and spraying political party offices with paint. □

Hungarians demand end to pro-government bias in public media

By **JUSTIN SPIKE**

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BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)

— Around 1,500 demonstrators gathered at the headquarters of Hungary's public media company Friday to protest what they say is biased news coverage and state-sponsored propaganda that favors the country's populist government.

Demonstrators called for the replacement of the director of public media corporation MTVA and for coverage of a recent wave of major protests and strikes by Hungarian teachers and students. The protests demanding better pay and working conditions for educators have been largely ignored by public media despite some drawing tens of thousands of people.

The protest Friday, dubbed a "blockade of the factory of lies," was called by independent opposition lawmaker Akos Hadhazy, a former member of the ruling Fidesz party who is known as an anti-corruption crusader.

Speaking at the protest, Hadhazy said Hungary's



Participants attend the demonstration announced by independent Hungarian lawmaker Akos Hadhazy in front of the public media headquarters (MTVA) in Budapest, Hungary, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022.

government had created a "propaganda machine" that has refused to provide opposition voices airtime while openly advocating the policies of the governing party.

Hungary's government, under the leadership of nationalist Prime Minister Viktor Orban since 2010, has frequently been accused of eroding press freedoms and rolling back democratic checks and balances. International media watchdog Reporters Without Borders added Orban to its list of "press freedom predators" last year. But he has

pointed to the existence of several online news outlets and commercial television stations that are critical of his government as proof that the media in Hungary are "freer and more diverse" than in Western Europe.

In September, the European Union's legislature declared that Hungary had become "a hybrid regime of electoral autocracy" under Orban's leadership, and that its undermining of the bloc's democratic values had taken Hungary out of the community of democracies. □

Reports say China aiming for less disruptive COVID policies

By **JOE McDONALD** AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese officials are trying to quell an outcry over the death of a 3-year-old boy from a quarantined residential compound that added to public anger at anti-virus controls that have confined millions of people to their homes.

The boy died at a hospital in Lanzhou of carbon monoxide poisoning blamed on a gas leak. His father accused health workers who were enforcing the closure of the compound of refusing to help and trying to stop him as he rushed his son to the hospital.

The father's account on social media prompted angry comments about the human cost of the ruling Communist Party's "Zero COVID" strategy that has confined families to cramped apartments for weeks at a time to fight outbreaks.

The quarantine system "is to protect life and health, not to confront those who need to be rescued with obstacles!" said a post on the popular Sina Weibo social media service.

The ruling party is sticking to "Zero COVID" at a time



A woman has her throat swabbed for a COVID-19 test at a coronavirus testing site in Beijing, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. Chinese stocks in Hong Kong gained Friday after the health ministry said the mainland's severe anti-virus controls should be less costly and disruptive and a city said it would ease restrictions after access to an area around the world's biggest iPhone factory was suspended.

when other governments are easing anti-virus controls. That has kept China's infection numbers relatively low but disrupts business and travel.

Residents of many parts of the Xinjiang region in the northwest were barred from leaving their homes in August and September. People in Urumqi and other

cities who said they had run out of food and medicine posted appeals for help on social media.

Public frustration has boiled over into fights with police and health workers in some places.

The Lanzhou city government expressed "deep sorrow and regret" for the boy's death in a state-

ment and blamed "weak emergency response." It said public employees who were found to have responded poorly would be "dealt with seriously."

The boy's father said he tried to call an ambulance after his son collapsed Monday after a possible gas leak at home. The father wrote that he asked health

workers at the compound gate for help but they told him to ask someone else and asked him to show a negative virus test. The father wrote that he wound up taking his son by taxi to a hospital, where doctors failed to revive him.

Health experts and economists say "Zero COVID" is likely to stay in place possibly through most of 2023, due partly to the need to vaccinate millions of elderly people before Beijing can consider relaxing requirements that people who come into China must be quarantined for a week or more.

The National Health Commission said this week the country needs to control outbreaks "with the minimum scale affected and the shortest time and lowest cost possible," according to the Global Times, published by the ruling party newspaper People's Daily.

On Monday, visitors to Shanghai Disneyland were temporarily blocked from leaving the park as part of virus testing the city said extended to some 439,000 people. The city health agency said the guests all tested negative. □

Russian soldiers reportedly spread into Kherson's homes

By **ANDREW MELDRUM** and **YURAS KARMANAU** Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian soldiers are forcing Ukrainian civilians from their apartments in the occupied capital of the Kherson region and moving in themselves, a resident said Friday as the southern city became a growing focus of war in Ukraine.

His account of soldiers spreading throughout the city of Kherson suggested that Russia could be preparing for intense urban warfare in anticipation of Ukrainian advances.

Russia-installed authorities in Kherson continued to urge civilians to leave the city, which lies on the right, or western, bank of the Dnieper River and has

been cut off from supplies and food by Ukrainian bombardment.

Kirill Stremousov, the deputy head of the region's Kremlin-appointed administration, reiterated calls for civilians to depart for the left bank of the river. Stremousov said Thursday that Russian forces might soon withdraw from Kherson city. On Friday, he said the statement was merely an attempt to encourage evacuations.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has suggested the Russians were feigning a pull-out from Kherson in order to lure in the Ukrainian army. Zelenskyy called attempts to convince civilians to move deeper into Russian-controlled territory "theater."

A Kherson resident told The Associated Press that Russian soldiers were installing themselves in vacated apartments. Russian military personnel are reportedly going door to door, checking property deeds, and forcing tenants to leave immediately if they can't confirm ownership of apartments, he said.

"They're forcing city residents to evacuate, and then Russian soldiers move into freed-up apartments across all of Kherson," the resident, who spoke on condition that only his first name - Konstantin - was used for security reasons. "It is obvious that they are preparing for fighting the Ukrainian army in the city." Hospitals and clinics were not serving patients in Kher-

son, where residents also reported problems with food supplies.

Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov told the AP that as part of its counteroffensive to reclaim the Kher-

son region, the Ukrainian army cut off the right bank of the Dnieper from supplies of weapons and food by shelling main transportation routes and ruining bridges across the river. □



Kateryna, 36, a kitchen worker of the Puscha Vodytsia maternity hospital, looks for clothes at a distribution space in the village of Moshun, outside Kyiv, Ukraine, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022.

Fundacion Telefon pa Hubentud celebrating International Day of Children's Rights

ORANJESTAD – Fundacion Telefon pa Hubentud (Telephone for the Youth in Papiamentu) during a press conference informed the community regarding activities that they are organizing to celebrate the International Day of Children's Rights on the 20th of November.

James Sneek, director of the foundation, explained that when children learn about rights, they learn that they have rights and other people also have rights, and that everyone needs to respect these. They also learn when a person has bad intentions towards them, how to stand for themselves.

Fundacion Telefon pa Hubentud this year will be celebrating its 23rd anniversary on the 20th of November. It was on this date when for the first time a child in Aruba picked up the phone and dialed 131 and received support and help from the foundation.

"Currently we are servicing not only Aruba, we also provide our services to children and young people in the islands of Sint Eustatius and Saba", Sneek said.

This year is an important year for the foundation and they will be celebrating the International Day of Children's Rights by organizing different activities regarding children's rights directed at children, youths, parents and the entire family.

The first activity will take place on the 14th of November at The Movies Gloria, where the International School of Aruba will be in one of the rooms and will be watching different short movies together. Afterwards they will expand on the messages of children's rights, which they will observe in the movies, and they will also hold a de-

bate.

"This way we will give information to the actor, which is the youth in our community, regarding children's rights, rights that they also need to respect in other children, and how they can stand up for themselves when a person has bad intentions to violate one of their rights", Sneek commented.

Shurman Milliard, social worker for Telefon pa Hubentud, said that he is seeing a lot of interest regarding children's rights. "Children's rights is something that Telefon pa Hubentud has been promoting for 23 years, and currently we are even promoting these internationally. We want more children to be aware of this, and the first who can learn about this are the various foundations, but also parents and adults in general", he said.

Milliard commented that in the same way parties are held to celebrate other dates, like Halloween and Carnaval, children's rights also need to be celebrated with a party. This is the reason why Telefon pa Hubentud is organizing these activities, and will be hosting a big party.

On the 16th of November they will have activities at the Hilario Angela school. The school has been de-



veloping the topic of children's rights and Telefon pa Hubentud wants to provide assistance. On that day they will have different activities for the children as well as the group of teachers. He announced that they will be giving information to the children regarding their rights, and for them to also know what they are celebrating. There are 54 different children's rights, Milliard said, and the children will become more familiar with these.

The foundation is also speaking to primary school children. There will be different opportunities depending on their level for them to understand what their rights are. The smaller children will receive help from the Fundacion Hunga Teca, a foundation dedicated to children which focuses on play, and how children develop tools in their mental and motor system while they play. They will join this with the theme of children's rights, where

children from first and second grade will receive lessons from Hunga Teca. Children from fourth, fifth and sixth grade from the International School of Aruba will have cinema sessions to analyze children's rights.

Afterwards, IBISA will help in the aspect of movement, because they know that children playing and developing in sport is also one of their rights to develop the mental and physical aspect.

To conclude the day, they will have a musical with an international group that goes deep in providing information in a fun way for the children.

Aside from activities for the kids, Telefon pa Hubentud wants the entire community to become familiar with children's rights during those days. For this reason, Kimberly de Cuba, social worker at the foundation, said that on the 18th of November they will

be sharing information for parents through the television program "Nos Mainta" on TeleAruba. For the sixth consecutive year, this television program together with Telefon pa Hubentud reflects on children's rights on the 20th of November.

They will bring together different foundations like Heart-Centered Leadership Foundation, Futura and Simia, to share together with Telefon pa Hubentud the importance of the opinion as well as the health of children.

Aside from help via telephone and e-mail that Telefon pa Hubentud gives to the children during the year, they also have different projects like Chic Chat where they approach the Center for Development of Women to take part in this project. This involves different episodes where they observe conversations between female youths aged 14 to 17 years, where they share the challenges they are confronting at that age.

During the program they have professionals present from Planned Parenthood and foundation against drugs FADA to answer questions and doubts expressed by the girls. They also receive confessions from youths of Aruba anonymously. This program began on the 1st of November and will be broadcast on November 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 29, as well as December 6 and 13. □



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Council of Ministers receives bag with books in connection with the 30th edition of the Children's Book Festival

ORANJESTAD - On Friday, November 4, 2022, the Children's Book Festival will initiate at the Cas di Cultura at 5:00 pm.

It is the 30th edition of the Festival organized by the National Library of Aruba with the theme "Biba Natura-lesa". In connection with the opening of the Children's Book Festival, the Library Director, Mrs. Astrid Britten, and the festival's coordinator, Mrs. Zetsia Ponson, visited the Council of Ministers, where they gave the ministers a goody bag with a book.

The Children's Book Festival will take place from November 7 to November 11, 2022, at the National Library in Oranjestad and San Nicolas. The library invites the entire community, particularly the children, to be part of this book festival.

The schools are preparing for the book festival, and next week, writers and illustrators will promote reading among the children. Prime



Minister Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes remarked, "When children read, a world opens to them that they will not get to know in another way, and that is something we need to inculcate more and more in our children and youth."

Mrs. Zetsia Ponson stated that this year marks the 30th edition of the Children's Book Festival with as theme "Biba Natura-lesa" - Long live nature. In connection with the 30th edition of the

Festival, each minister received a gift bag containing two books, the festival book and the 30th edition book, which includes 30 songs produced for each edition of the Children's Book Festival. Mrs. Ponson stated "We are happy that the Ministers are also promoting the Book Festival. Thirty years is a long time, and Friday, November 4, 2022, is the 30th edition of the festival at the Cas di Cultura starting at 5:00 pm.

The Children's Book Festival was first organized in 1993 to promote reading and has grown ever since. It is becoming becomes bigger and bigger every year.

The library put together a magnificent program for the opening event at Cas di Cultura. This year, for the first time, it will include a video clip of the festival's song. Library Director, Mrs. Astrid Britten stated, "We believe that as a library, we need to promote reading

for the children to enjoy. Let us keep reading with joy and keep visiting the National Library."

Minister of Education and Sports, Mr. Endy Croes, thanked the National Library for the books and expressed his support for the Festival. "It is great to promote, educate and inspire our children to read because reading improves your knowledge, which we support. Stimulate the children to read because the more you do it, the more you know, and the more you know the smarter you are."

At the end of the encounter, the Prime Minister invited all parents, teachers, and all who influence children and the youth, to visit the children's Book Festival.

The Prime Minister also expressed gratitude and appreciation to all the schools working hard and passionately to prepare for the Festival. □



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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Caribbean Palm Village Resort



The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognize the Goodwill Ambassadors of

Aruba with the Goodwill Certification. The honorees were presented with the Goodwill Ambassador Cer-

tificate as a token of appreciation for visiting the island for more than 20 years consecutively.

Honorees was:
Kenneth & Sonia Monahan residents of New Jersey, US
Anthony & Christine Aquavella residents of New York, US

Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of La Cabana Beach Resort Aruba bestowed the certification of the Ambassadors and presented the Ambassadors with gifts, and thanked the honorees on behalf of



the Government of Aruba for choosing Aruba as his favorite vacation destination for so many years. The Honorees can now call Aruba their home away from home.

Top reason for returning

to Aruba, provided by the honorees were:
The Friendly People of Aruba
The Hot Sun
The Beautiful Beaches
The Amazing Shopping
The Delicious Restaurants. □



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Great People
Wonderful Weather
Old & New Friends
Variety of Restaurants □



Short history of the beginnings of baseball in Aruba



ORANJESTAD — Baseball was played on the island of Aruba in the 1930's, but only by United States expatriates working for LAGO and living inside the LAGO colony. Jim Bluejacket, the legendary US Indian who had played in two major league teams, worked for LAGO during 14 years and was a key factor in the growth of the popularity of the game in the colony. There is no record of Bluejacket ever playing outside the colony.

Outside the colony, the game of baseball was introduced to Aruba by Venezuelan immigrants and sailors on the Venezuelan fishing boats that used Aruba as their home port. They formed pick-up teams and played games on Sundays on an open field behind what is now the Court of Justice. One of the Venezuelans that comes to mind is Felix Garrido, grandfather of our current Prime-Minister.

In the late 30s the leader of this group was Raúl Aparicio, a cousin of Luis Aparicio who is now enshrined in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The Aparicios were evidently very good at sports. Raúl had two brothers who also played baseball, René and Roman. Rosendo, his only brother who did not

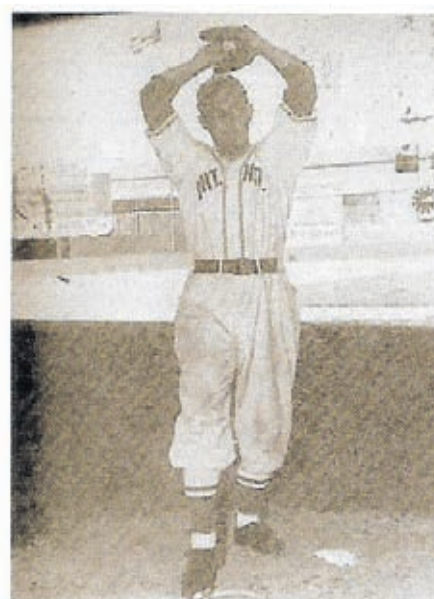
play baseball became a professional soccer player in the Venezuelan league. Rosendo was nicknamed "Cabeza de oro" (golden head) for a memorable header he scored to win a game for his team.

Interestingly, it was in Aruba that Luis Aparicio played his first game outside of Venezuela. This took place in 1950 when he played shortstop for the school he attended. Later he played for "Cabimas" in a doubleheader of the Venezuelan Western League. These official games of the league were authorized to be played in Aruba by the Professional Baseball Organization of Venezuela. Several others who played in those games have also been enshrined.

Luis Aparicio's father was the super popular Luis "El Grande" (the great one) after whom the baseball stadium in Maracaibo is named. He and his brother owned the professional baseball teams "Gavilanes" which later became the "Aguilas", and the "Cabimas".

In the early '40s, another group, mostly immigrants from the Dominican Republic also became very active with pickup teams. Some of these remained active in baseball well into the early '50s; as umpires, managers even as players. Among these were Nestor "Pantin" Guerrero who also had a musical band. Perhaps not so coincidentally, many of Pantin's players were also musicians. Luthai Pantophlet who umpired many years was a well-known drummer. Gaston Hazel was a bongo player; José Bryson and the brothers Nicholson, Teddy and Julio, all played several instruments.

In San Nicolas, baseball was played on the grounds next to where the LAGO Sport Park (now Laveist Sport Park) was officially inaugurated in March 1941.



During the WWII years, baseball got a big lift from the influx of Puerto Rican and US soldiers stationed here. As LAGO was playing a very important role in the struggle against Hitler, it was able to get all the sports equipment needed here to allow more people to participate.

In the '40s only the Lago Sports Park organized baseball championship games. The first teams to participate were Artraco, (Aruba Trading Co.), Esso Garage and Botica San Lucas. In 1945 Venezuelan employees of the Lago refinery participated under the name of "Cafenol", a very popular Venezuelan coffee brand. Two other groups of Venezuelan immigrants formed the teams "Cerveceria" (named after the iconic team Cerveceria Caracas), and "Venezuela", although not all members of these teams were Venezuelans. This was also the year that the team sponsored by Roxy Café started to play as "Dodgers".

Dodgers became the dominant baseball powerhouse till the 1950s.

Other teams that entered the baseball scene in the late 1940s: Pepsi Cola (Oranjestad) and St. Thomas Boys (former students of St. Thomas College, Oranjestad). "Baby Ruth" in San Nicolas played initially under the name "Camel" and "Barnes' Ramblers" the only team consisting of Lago Colony players to participate in the Lago Sport Park championships. "Red Rock Cola" was formed in Oranjestad in 1950.

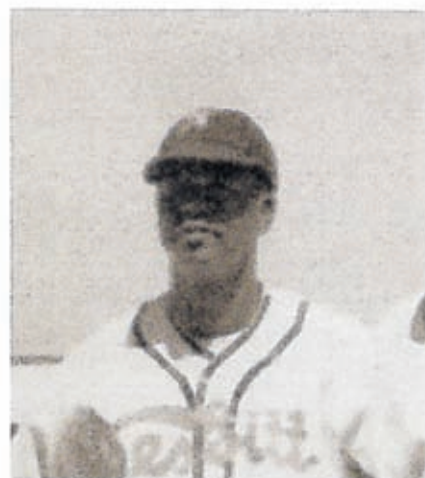
In 1952 the team Pepsi Cola became "Nesbitt's" and had players of seven countries, including two American expats from Lago Colony.

In 1950 a group of prominent members of the Aruba community founded the Amateur Baseball Bond of Aruba (ABBA) to give

structure to the management of the sport and became the organizers of official championship games. While maintaining the existing teams in a league that was referred to as A-class, ABBA established a B-class league in which the "Budweiser" and "Braves" played the first years.

By 1952 Aruba became a member of the International Amateur Baseball Association and fielded a team managed by Joe Proterra, (former pitcher of "Barnes' Ramblers"), that would play for the first time ever in the Amateur Baseball World Series that took place in Havana, Cuba in September. Surprisingly, Aruba won two of its six games and became the darling of the Havana fans. Nell Harms of the Aruban team was named the "Outstanding player of the week" for his performance against Honduras. He allowed just two hits, struck out 15 and hit the only homerun of the game. Joe Cambria, the famous scout for the Washington Senators offered him a contract, but Nel was not interested, but the next year, at the Amateur Baseball World Series in Caracas, Venezuela, Nel and Ruben Phillips did sign and in 1954 they played professional baseball the Georgia-Florida League and the Texas-New Mexico League. They were the first Arubans to play professionally, but not the only ones.

During the games in Havana, contacts were made with the organizers of Little League Baseball in Cuba which eventually resulted in the introduction of Little League in Aruba. Little League of Aruba has been extremely successful: It has produced many players who earned baseball scholarships at universities in the United States, a few who played professionally in the Netherlands and different countries in the Caribbean and five who reached the major leagues: Calvin Maduro, Eugene Kingsale, Radhames Dijkhoff, Sydney Ponson, and Xander Bogaerts one of the brightest stars of Boston Red Sox. □



Celebrity Beyond docks in Aruba for the first time

Cruise tourism recovering as desired



ORANJESTAD – Last Tuesday, several cruise ships could be observed docked in Oranjestad. Director of Aruba Ports Authority, Marc Figaroa described this as a great day for APA as well as for Aruba.

Among them was the Celebrity Beyond, which arrived in Aruba for the first time. APA is very proud because this is one of the newest cruise ships of the Celebrity Cruises line, which joined the Celebrity fleet in April of this year. The cruise ship was welcomed along two others in the port, namely Carnival Horizon and another one of Holland America Line.

For APA, Celebrity Beyond is a very modern ship and is carrying almost 2,500 passengers aboard. Marc Figaroa said that the most important part is that cruise tourism is recovering as desired. He is convinced that Aruba will see a very strong season in November, December, January and February – the winter seasons.

Aruba Ports Authority celebrated the arrival of Celebrity Beyond and Norwegian Prima, which arrived in Aruba last Saturday. Figaroa said he is satisfied with the developments for cruise tourism in Aruba. There are still three other first calls for this year: one from Royal Caribbean, another one from Norwegian, and finally one from Azamara.

It's worth emphasizing that Celebrity is part of Royal Caribbean Group, one

of the biggest partners in the market for Aruba. This shows the loyalty of Royal Caribbean as well. Aside from Celebrity, there are other cruise ships from Royal Caribbean that also visit Aruba frequently.

Figaroa indicated that he is expecting a very strong season for cruise tourism, as he indicated before. "Let's hope that there will not be any other external impact affecting the cruise tourism sector. For us, it is very important to continue being careful so that Aruba's economy can progress and recover from the Covid pandemic."

Still more for this year

The arrival of new cruise ships for the first time in Aruba will continue the following weeks before the end of the year. For example, recently Aruba saw the arrival of Carnival Spirit, of the Carnival Cruise Line company. This 21-year-old cruise ship cost \$375 million to build, and it carries 2124 passengers on board.

This week Aruba received the Celebrity Beyond, and the Azamara Onward is still to come. It's good to add that Celebrity Beyond began sailing last April, meaning it is very new. It is in the Edge-Class category and has a capacity for 3937 passengers.

Azamara Onward is a 23-year-old cruise ship, which can carry 826 passengers on board, is 181 meters long, and is in the R-Class category, operated by Azamara Cruises since

this year.

About Celebrity Beyond

Celebrity Beyond is a cruise ship belonging to Celebrity Cruises, which takes its name from the slogan of the company. The ship, which is the third in the Edge class, was built in Chantiers de l'Atlantique and began its service last April. This ship is under the care of Captain Kate McCue.

The cruise ship is registered at the port of Valletta, in Malta. It is 326.5 meters long, 57.9 meters high, and has no less than 21 floors. It has a capacity for carrying 3260 passengers on board, based on double occupation, reaching a maximum of 3937 passengers, as well as 1416 crew members on board. So when it's docked, it brings a total of 5353 people.

About Aruba Ports Authority

Aruba Ports Authority NV was founded in 1981. The company belongs 100 percent to the government of Aruba and has been in direct service for 80 years. Together it manages the two ports in Aruba, namely the cruise terminal in Oranjestad as well as the cargo terminal in Barcadera, where they have an operations agreement with ASTEC. Each year around 330 cruise ships arrive in Oranjestad and another 905 cargo ships to Barcadera, not counting small ships and launch services. The company is stable and is under management of Marc Figaroa. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: COUNT YOUR AGE BY FRIENDS, NOT YEARS, YOUR LIFE BY SMILES, NOT TEARS. — JOHN LENNON

Starbucks reports record Q4 revenue despite China declines

By DEE-ANN DURBIN AP Business Writer

Pumpkin spice pumped up Starbucks' sales in its fiscal fourth quarter, and the company said it's confident that momentum will carry on into next year.

Starbucks' revenue rose 3% to a record \$8.41 billion in the July-September period. The company said Thursday it saw its highest-ever sales week in September when it introduced its fall drinks. Sales of both hot and cold pumpkin spice drinks jumped 17% during the quarter.

Starbucks shares rose nearly 2% in after-hours trading. Customers shrugged off higher prices and continued to pay extra for specialty drinks and snacks. Starbucks noted that 60% of the beverages it sells are now customized with flavor shots, foam and other extras.

"There is an affordable luxury to Starbucks that our customer base has been willing to support," Starbucks' interim CEO Howard Schultz said Thursday in a conference call with investors. Schultz said the company raised prices around 6% over the last year.

The Seattle coffee giant said its same-store sales or sales at locations open at least a year were up 7% worldwide in the July-September period. That beat Wall Street's forecast of a 4.2% increase, according to analysts polled by FactSet.

North American strength offset weakness in China, where pandemic lockdowns are still impacting sales.



The Starbucks logo is seen on a storefront, Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, in Boston Starbucks reports quarterly financial results Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 Associated Press

Same-store sales jumped 11% in North America, driven by a 10% increase in spending per visit. Same-store sales in China, Starbucks' second-largest market after the U.S., fell 16%. Still, Starbucks noted that was significantly better than the third quarter, when China's same-store sales plunged 44%.

"We are encouraged by the early signs of recovery we saw in China," Schultz said.

Starbucks said it expects global same-store sales will rise between 7% and 9% in its 2023 fiscal year, compared to 8% in the fiscal year that just ended. Schultz said he's confident the company can meet that goal because of its strong rewards program and its increasingly younger and very loyal customer base. Schultz said more than half of Starbucks' customers are Millennials or Generation Z. Starbucks said its net income fell 50% to \$878 million in the three-month period that ended Oct. 2 as it

invested in store remodels and employee wages. Adjusted for one-time items, the company earned 81 cents per share. That also beat Wall Street's forecast of 72 cents.

Starbucks has been spending heavily on a plan to boost U.S. store efficiency and employee morale as it tries to head off a growing unionization movement, which it opposes. At least 249 of Starbucks' 10,000 company-owned U.S. stores have voted to unionize since late last year.

At an investor meeting in September, Starbucks announced it will invest \$450 million next year to make its North American stores more efficient and less complex. Employees have struggled with rising demand for customizable cold drinks they now make up 76% of U.S. drink sales in store kitchens designed for simpler hot drinks.

Sara Trilling, Starbucks' executive vice president for North America, said the company has already rolled out hand-held cold foamers, new espresso machines and new warming ovens to the majority of its company-owned U.S. stores.

The company also announced a \$1 billion investment in employee wages and benefits last fall and added \$200 million more for pay, worker training and other benefits in May. □

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New this week:

Radcliffe gets weird, 'Causeway' and Phoenix

Here's a collection curated by The Associated Press' entertainment journalists of what's arriving on TV, streaming services This week.

MOVIES

Elvis, Elton John and Freddie Mercury have all gotten the biopic treatment. Now, it's finally Weird Al's turn. In "Weird: The Al Yankovic Story," Daniel Radcliffe plays the parody pro through his life — or, at least, a version of his life. Yankovic, himself, co-wrote and co-produced "Weird," directed by Eric Appel. And, as you might expect, the "White and Nerdy" singer-songwriter fills the tale with plenty of satirical touches nodding to the usual conventions of the music biopic.

Yet it's also full of surprises. In my interview with Yankovic and Radcliffe, Yankovic said "Weird" "is funny because it shouldn't exist." "Weird," Roku's first original film, streams Friday via the streaming device. Enola Holmes (Millie Bobby Brown) is on the case, again. The Netflix sequel "Enola Holmes 2," debuting Friday, quickly follows up the charming 2020 film that adapted Nancy Springer's book series and Arthur Conan Doyle spinoff. The sequel teams the younger Holmes with her famous older brother detective (Henry Cavill) for a multithreaded mystery that picks up some of the original's strands (Helena Bonham Carter returns as Enola's mother) while extending into the working conditions of 19th century London factories.

In her first leading role in four years, Jennifer Lawrence stars in, and produces, "Causeway," Lila Neugebauer's drama about a U.S. soldier named Lynsey (Lawrence) rehabbing at home in New Orleans after a brain injury suffered while on tour in Afghanistan. A gentle indie about trauma and recovery, "Causeway" is lifted by the warmth of Brian Tyree Henry, who plays a local



This combination of images shows promotional art for "Manifest," a series airing Nov. 4, on Netflix, "Enola Holmes 2," a film premiering Nov. 4 on Netflix and "Causeway," a film premiering Nov. 4 on Apple TV+

mechanic with his own painful past who befriends Lynsey. Debuts Friday, on Apple TV+. (Read AP's review.)

AP Film Writer Jake Coyle

TELEVISION

George Lopez's new sitcom is a family affair. In NBC's "Lopez vs. Lopez," the actor-comedian stars opposite real-life offspring, Mayan Lopez. Their fictional versions of dad and daughter are unlikely roommates with a rocky relationship. The 2002-07 comedy "George Lopez" remains one of the few Latino-led hits on TV, which continues to struggle with depicting America's second-largest ethnic or racial group behind non-Latino whites. "Lopez vs. Lopez,"

with Selenis Leyva and Al Madrigal in the cast, debuts 8 p.m. Eastern Friday. Abrupt cancellations and unresolved stories used to be a common affront to viewers. Now other platforms can come to the aid of an axed series, as is the case with "Manifest." After NBC ended its run at three seasons, it redeemed itself in repeats on Netflix and earned the chance for a proper finish.

A total of 20 new episodes will be released in two parts on the streaming service, with the first half out Friday. To recap the premise: An airliner lands safely in New York after a rough flight, but the passengers' relief vanishes when they realize five years have elapsed in

a few hours. Stars Melissa Roxburgh, Josh Dallas and J.R. Ramirez are back for the big reveal we want, eventually.

With patience, even an 18th-century novel can get a TV prequel. It helps that the book at hand is "Dangerous Liaisons," an amorality tale repeatedly adapted for stage and screen, including the Oscar-winning 1988 film. In the new Starz version billed as a "bold prelude," Camille and Valmont are young, in love and in Paris as revolution looms. □



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Jimmie Johnson returns to NASCAR as part-owner, driver

By JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson's NASCAR retirement and IndyCar experiment lasted all of two seasons.

The seven-time NASCAR champion is returning in 2023 to the series that made him a global motorsports star as the part-owner of Petty GMS. He'll also enter about five Cup races.

Johnson told The Associated Press that his first race will be the season-opening Daytona 500, where he's a two-time winner.

"I've had a watchful eye on the ownership part and what's happening with NASCAR, and the opportunity that I have here, the business structure and the model with NASCAR characters is just so different from than anything else in motorsports," Johnson told the AP. "I want to be part of it. We certainly watched Michael Jordan join, what the Trackhouse Racing folks have done, and there's all these rumors of people who want to get into the sport."



Jimmie Johnson climbs into his car before the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 16, 2020. Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson is returning to NASCAR two years after his retirement from the stock car series. Johnson bought a stake in GMS Petty Racing, a Cup team fronted by seven-time champion Richard Petty. Johnson will also run up to five races in 2023 beginning with the season-opening Daytona 500.

"I'm honored and thankful that I'm going to be part of it."

His car number and sponsors and maybe even the current Petty GMS name are all a work in progress for Johnson, who turned 47 in September.

On his bucket list are the Coca-Cola 600, a race he's won four times, and he'd love if NASCAR made him eligible for the 2023 All-Star race at North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Carolina.

Johnson also said he still

wants to do "The Double" of the Indianapolis 500 and Coke 600 on the same day, but he's on hold as Chip Ganassi shapes the organization Johnson left after two seasons. But, even if an Indy 500 ride materializes, the All-Star race would

conflict with Indy 500 qualifying. And, he's now part owner of a Chevrolet team, so that would theoretically prevent him from racing with Ganassi, a Honda team.

Johnson made his Indy 500 debut in May and although he proved decent on the IndyCar ovals he skipped them his first season the road and street courses were a struggle and he admitted to being burned out at the end of the full season.

He said he'd step back from full-time racing and was eyeing a bucket list of about 10 events, most likely including the 24 Hours of Le Mans as a NASCAR representative.

When he came to that late-September decision to step away, Johnson insisted he had no idea what he wanted to do next.

It took about six weeks for Johnson to get back into NASCAR through conversations initiated by the management firm shared by Johnson and Erik Jones, the Petty GMS driver he just inherited. □

Frederic helps Bruins beat Rangers 5-2 for 7th straight win

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Trent Frederic had the tiebreaking goal in Boston's four-goal third period and the Bruins beat the New York Rangers 5-2 Thursday night for their seventh straight win. David Pastrnak, Charlie Coyle, Jake DeBrusk and Hampus Lindholm also scored for the Bruins, and Nick Foligno and Taylor Hall each had two assists. Linus Ullmark had 18 saves to help Boston improve to a franchise-best 10-1-0 under new coach Jim Montgomery.

Jimmy Vesey and Adam Fox had goals for New York, and Kaapo Kakko had two assists. Igor Shesterkin had 32 saves.

RED WINGS 3, CAPITALS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Alex Ovechkin tied Gordie Howe for the most goals scored for one NHL team, but Andrew

Copp had the go-ahead goal with 3:50 left to lead Detroit past Washington.

Ovechkin broke a scoreless tie midway through the second period, giving him 786 goals with Washington to equal Howe's total with the Red Wings.

Detroit's Lucas Raymond pulled the Red Wings into a 1-all tie late in the second

period on a power play. Copp scored his first goal in his 10th game with the Red Wings late in the third off Adam Erne's behind-the-net assist. Dylan Larkin added an empty-net goal in the final minute to seal the victory.

Detroit's Ville Husso made 33 saves. Darcy Kuemper stopped 23 shots for the

Capitals.

HURRICANES 4, LIGHTNING 3, SO

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) Sebastian Aho scored in the sixth round of the shootout to lift Carolina.

Tampa Bay's Ross Colton and the Hurricanes' Teuvo Teravainen both scored in the fourth round of the tiebreaker.

Brady Skjei, Seth Jarvis and Martin Necas scored in regulation for Carolina, and Frederik Andersen stopped 23 shots.

Nikita Kucherov extended his goal-scoring streak to five games, and Nicholas Paul and Ross Colton also scored for the Lightning. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 52 saves.

KRAKEN 4, WILD 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Martin Jones stopped 22 shots for his first shutout in 55 games, and Alex Wennberg scored twice to lead

Seattle.

Morgan Geekie and Jamie Oleksiak also scored for the Kraken, who have won three straight and four of five. Jones got his first shutout since April 2, 2021.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 19 shots for Minnesota, which had won four of five.

ISLANDERS 5, BLUES 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Anders Lee and Brock Nelson each had a goal and an assist, sending surging New York to its fifth straight win.

Kyle Palmieri and Josh Bailey also scored for the Islanders. Jean-Gabriel Pageau added an empty-net goal. Ilya Sorokin stopped 32 shots.

Vladimir Tarasenko had a goal and an assist and Robert Thomas also scored for the Blues, who have lost six straight in regulation for the first time since February 2018. Jordan Binnington finished with 25 saves. □



Boston Bruins center Trent Frederic (11) is congratulated by teammate Nick Foligno after scoring a goal against the New York Rangers in the third period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, in New York.

Nets suspend Kyrie Irving for at least 5 games without pay

By **BRIAN MAHONEY** AP
Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Brooklyn Nets suspended Kyrie Irving for at least five games without pay Thursday, dismayed by his repeated failure to "unequivocally say he has no antisemitic beliefs."

Hours after Irving refused to issue the apology that NBA Commissioner Adam Silver sought for posting a link to an antisemitic work on his Twitter feed, the Nets said that Irving is "currently unfit to be associated with the Brooklyn Nets."

"Such failure to disavow antisemitism when given a clear opportunity to do so is deeply disturbing, is against the values of our organization, and constitutes conduct detrimental to the team. Accordingly, we are of the view that he is currently unfit to be associated with the Brooklyn Nets."

Irving did finally apologize later in an Instagram post for not explaining the specific beliefs he agreed and disagreed with when he posted the documentary.

"To All Jewish families and Communities that are hurt and affected from my post, I am deeply sorry to have caused you pain, and I apologize," Irving



Brooklyn Nets' Kyrie Irving speaks before the team's NBA basketball game against the New Orleans Pelicans, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, in New York. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver wants an apology and Kyrie Irving still isn't going to give one. Shortly after the NBA Commissioner said Irving "made a reckless decision" by tweeting out a link to a film containing antisemitic material last week, the Brooklyn Nets guard again stopped short of saying he was sorry for doing so.

wrote. "I initially reacted out of emotion to being unjustly labeled Anti-Semitic, instead of focusing on the healing process of my Jewish Brothers and Sisters that were hurt from the hateful remarks made in the Documentary."

His reluctance to do so earlier Thursday came hours before the FBI said it had received credible information about a "broad" threat

to synagogues in New Jersey, Irving's home state. And in Florida on Saturday, the phrase "Kanye is right about the jews" was projected on the outside of one of the end zones at the TIAA Bank Field stadium in Jacksonville during the Florida-Georgia football game — a reference to recent antisemitic comments that the music mogul formerly known as Kanye WestYe

has made on social media and in interviews that led to him losing partnerships with Adidas and several other companies.

The Nets said they made multiple attempts in recent days to help Irving understand the harm and danger of his words and actions, but it was clear during the point guard's interview after practice earlier Thursday that little had

changed.

Irving would say only that he meant no harm. He said some things in "Hebrews to Negroes: Wake Up Black America" were untrue, but he didn't say he shouldn't have posted a link to it.

"I'm not the one who made the documentary," Irving said.

He was later asked if he had antisemitic beliefs, and he didn't say no.

"I cannot be antisemitic if I know where I come from," Irving said.

Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt reacted to a video of Irving's response to that question on Twitter by writing: "The answer to the question 'Do you have any antisemitic beliefs' is always 'NO' without equivocation."

"We took @KyrieIrving at his word when he said he took responsibility, but today he did not make good on that promise," Greenblatt added.

A day earlier, Irving and the Nets had announced, in conjunction with the ADL, that each would be donating \$500,000 to anti-hate causes. Greenblatt tweeted Thursday night that his organization could not in good conscience accept Irving's donation. □

Union hoping to do their part for Philadelphia on Saturday

By **JOE REEDY** AP Sports
Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Philadelphia sports fans came up empty the last time two teams from the City of Brotherly Love competed for a title at the same time. Andre Blake and the Philadelphia Union are hoping history doesn't repeat itself. The Union will be participating in their first MLS Cup final on Saturday afternoon at Los Angeles Football Club. Later that day, the Phillies will try to stay alive in the World Series and force a deciding game when they face the Houston Astros in Game 6.

"It's really going well in Philadelphia right now," goalkeeper Blake said. "There's also pressure, but we have

to deal with that. It's a great time to be part of Philly sport, and yeah, we're in a good spot. Hopefully we can really bring it over the line."

It will be first time since 1980 that two Philly teams are making concurrent title runs. The Flyers lost to the New York Islanders in the Stanley Cup finals and the 76ers fell to the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA finals that year. Both series went six games.

The Union do not get the benefit of a series. The MLS Cup is winner-take-all.

While the Phillies went on an improbable postseason run to their first World Series since 2009, the Union have been steadily building toward their title shot. They

won the Supporters Shield as the top team in the regular season in 2020 and advanced to the Eastern Conference final last year before losing to eventual MLS Cup champion New York City FC.

Philadelphia led the league in goals during the regular season with 72 and conceded a league-low 26.

With the Eagles off to an 8-0 start for the first time in franchise history after their 29-17 victory over the Houston Texans Thursday night, midfielder Dániel Gazdag said it has been different competing for attention with different sports, but exciting.

This will be the fifth time teams from Philadelphia and Los Angeles have met

with a professional sports title on the line. The other four times were in the NBA with the Lakers holding a 3-1 advantage.

LAFc midfielder Kellyn Acosta is hoping to add another championship for the City of Angels. □



Philadelphia Union's Cory Burke reacts after hitting the drum following the second half of an MLS soccer match against New York City FC, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, in Chester, Pa. The Union won 3-1 and clinched the MLS Eastern Conference title.

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